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853 EXCHANGE BUILDING
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASS. 9

March 2, 1920.

Prof. George L. Hosmer,
Wing 1, Room 239,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge 40, Mass.

Dear Professor Hosmer:

I have never heard that the M. R. A. has borrowed from the Government any rifles, automatics, ammunition or other property which we should report. Of course, some of our members have purchased rifles, model 1903, commonly called Springfields, and some of them may not have qualified and ~~thus~~ secured complete title to the weapon but I believe you are not interested in these purchases but simply are interested in what they call the "free issue of Krag's" together with the free issue of ammunition which usually accompanies the Krag's. I never knew that the M. R. A. ever borrowed any weapons or ammunition of this nature. The automatics were never issued free to rifle clubs. They were never sold to rifle club members until recently and the restriction now is that they will only be sold to members of those affiliated clubs who are liable to be called out for Police duty. I agree with you that paper targets, pasters, etc. do not have to be reported, although it seems to me that iron target carriers and marking discs should be reported, but I feel sure that the M. R. A. has never drawn or even purchased any of these from the Government.

Since it was proposed that we consolidate with the Boston Rifle and Revolver Club I refrained from paying my dues to the latter because I did not think it fair to have a member of the M. R. A. counted as a member of the B. R. & R. C. for the purpose of computing the number of new members to be brought in to the M. R. A. I would have paid my dues to the M. R. A. had a bill been rendered. The B. R. & R.C.

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has not only sent me a bill but their President has called me on the 'phone and dunned me for it. From what I hear I am now of the opinion that the consolidation will not take place this year. I have therefore paid my dues to the B. R. & R. C.. In denying the request of the B. R. & R. C. it would have been easier for me had I already paid my dues to the M. R. A. In case others of our members may be placed in the same uncomfortable position would it not be well to send out the bills for the M. R. A. dues as soon as possible? I inclose a check for \$10.00 in payment of my dues to the M. R. A. for the year 1920.

Sincerely yours,

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April 6, 1920.

Prof. George L. Hosmer,
Wing 1, Room 239,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge 40, Mass.

File #1027

Dear Prof. Hosmer:

You can procure target spotters in various sizes from Mr. Harris, one of our directors. He told me to-day that he had thousands of the wooden parts and felt sure that he had a good assortment of all sizes of disks. Spotters of this kind are not used in the Army and so far as I know are not manufactured by any commercial concern.

Trusting this information is what you desire.

Very truly yours,

Nathaniel C. Nash Jr.

NCN/M

April 5, 1921.

Mr. George L. Hosmer,
Mass. Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hosmer;

Your letter of the 31st ultimo regarding the hiring of the range by the "Tech." rifle team received, and I have turned it over to the Secretary for action at the next director's meeting. I find from the records that in 1917 we received \$91.50 from the Institute for target hire for the rifle team so it would seem to be a good chance to get some extra income for the Association. I tried shooting off-hand Saturday with the Springfield rifle "as issued" at 200 yards, Creedmoor target, and succeeded in getting 44, 43, and 41 in the three strings that I shot. This is to be part of the course at the National Matches this year. I can see where it will take a lot of practise for me as I haven't shot any off-hand for a long time. I hope that you can get over to the range some Saturday before long.

Yours very truly,

W. L. DARLING
Treasurer.

April 5, 1921.

Malcolm F. Partridge, Secretary,
Massachusetts Rifle Association,
104 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

Dear Malcolm;

I inclose herewith a letter from Mr. Hosmer regarding the request of the Technology Rifle Club to be allowed to shoot on the Walnut Hill Range. I suppose this should be acted on at the next Director's meeting. In looking up the records I find that during the year 1917 the Association received \$91.50 from the Mass. Institute of Technology for target hire for the rifle team during that year. It would seem to be a good chance to get some extra income for the club. I am also inclosing the tickets for the pistol match which I shot Saturday. I found the extra copies in my bag when I got home Saturday night.

Yours very truly,

W. L. DARLING
Treasurer.

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